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In late 1946, German PWs were employed south of Tiflis in changing the course of the Aras River, which forms part of the boundary between the Soviet Union and Iran, and in building the old river bed into a strongly fortified line of defense.

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Comment: This information is partially confirmed by a news item on Page 2 of the Tagliche Rundschau of 7 May 1947 which reports that, because of seasonal floods caused by the Aras and Kura Rivers, it has been found necessary to build a new canal outside Sarirabad and otherwise to divert the Kura River into a new bed. It is logical that the Aras also would be diverted as part of the same project.)

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